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Andrei Konradi, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1624
Application No.: 09/909,838) Examiner: B. Kifle
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For: BETA-AMINO ACID)
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 15, 2002 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Paper No. 7) . This Office Action which is in the form of an election of species requirement, set a 1 month period for response. A petition requesting a 2 month extension of time accompanies this Reply which is being filed on or before its now current due date of August 15, 2002. In response to this Office Action, entry of the following amendments is earnestly solicited.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 to read as follows:

AL --B is a group wherein W, together with -C(=Z)NR²-, forms a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group containing 2 to 5 carbon atoms and 0 to 4 additional heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, -SO_n- (where n is 0 to 2) wherein said saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group is optionally fused with one or two ring(s) structures selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl,